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SUBJECT: U/S WIRTH MEETS WITH RWANDAN VP KAGAME

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2. SUMMARY.    IN A MEETING WITH U/S WIRTH ON DECEMBER 13,

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RWANDAN VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER PAUL KAGAME SAID CONDITIONS WERE SLOWLY IMPROVING INSIDE RWANDA, BUT HE REITERATED THE GOR'S NEED FOR GREATER INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. U/S WIRTH ASSURED KAGAME THAT WE ARE WORKING TO EXPEDITE ASSISTANCE TO THE GOR. KAGAME THOUGHT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WORKING WITH ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES, WOULD HAVE TO USE FORCE OF SOME KIND TO ADDRESS THE SECURITY PROBLEM IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS. HE SAID REFUGEES CAN RETURN TO RWANDA IN SECURITY AND RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANT ROLE UNAMIR AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS CAN PLAY IN REASSURING RETURNEES. KAGAME SAID THE GOR IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH UNAMIR TO PEACEFULLY DISMANTLE THE DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS INSIDE RWANDA; HE ADDED THAT THE GOR HAD SET NO DEADLINE FOR THE CLOSING OF THE CAMPS. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, HE HINTED AT THE GOR'S DESIRE TO SEE THE UN ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED. END SUMMARY

3. KAGAME, WHO VISITED WASHINGTON FROM DECEMBER 9-14 AT THE INVITATION OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HEALTH MINISTER JOSEPH KAREMERA, PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT CHARLES MURIGANDE, RWANDAN CHARGE JOSEPH MUTABOBA, AND AN AIDE. U/S WIRTH WAS JOINED BY A/S OAKLEY, A/S SHATTUCK, AND DAS BUSHNELL. OSD VINCE KERN, IO/UNP GREG STANTON, G STAFFER ANNE JOYCE' AND RWANDA DESKOFF AISTON ALSO ATTENDED.

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CONDITIONS IN RWANDA IMPROVING  
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4. KAGAME SAID THAT CONDITIONS IN RWANDA WERE IMPROVING PROGRESSIVELY, BUT THAT THE PACE WAS SLOW BECAUSE THE GOR LACKED THE NECESSARY MEANS. ON THE SECURITY SIDE, HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT BUT WORK REMAINED TO BE DONE. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, HE NOTED THE RECENT INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND ONGOING EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE EX-FAR FORCES INTO THE RPA. HE STRESSED THAT MUCH NEEDED TO BE DONE TO FOSTER THE RULE OF LAW, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH BUILDING UP THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. HE WELCOMED ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA.

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KAGAME'S VIEWS ON CAMP SECURITY  
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5. KAGAME NOTED THE CONTINUING RETURN OF OLD (TUTSI) REFUGEES, BUT SAID THE MOST URGENT ISSUE WAS THE QUESTION OF THE RECENT REFUGEES. HE SAID RECENT REFUGEES HAD BEEN RETURNING UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER, WHEN THE EX-FAR TOOK EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE CAMPS AND PREVENTED REPATRIATION. HE STRESSED THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS SECURITY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WHOLE REGION AND IS NOT A MATTER RWANDA CAN RESOLVE ALONE. HE REITERATED THE OFTEN-REPEATED REFRAIN ABOUT MOST INTERNATIONAL AID GOING OUTSIDE RWANDA AND EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT AID ENDING UP IN THE HANDS OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENOCIDE, WHO ARE USING IT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR POSITION. THIS PRESENTED A THREAT TO REGIONAL SECURITY WHICH COULD PROVE EVEN MORE COSTLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

6. KAGAME SAID HE DID NOT SEE ANY PEACEFUL WAY TO DEAL  
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WITH THE SECURITY PROBLEM IN THE CAMPS; THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO APPLY SOME FORM OF FORCE, WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES. HE SAID THE ZAIRIANS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST SEND A

STRONG SIGNAL THAT THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY CANNOT CONTINUE; THE REFUGEES WILL THEN REALIZE THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ZAIRE AS AN ALLY AND WOULD FEEL LESS COMFORTABLE STAYING THERE. KAGAME CHARACTERIZED THE TROUBLEMAKERS IN THE CAMPS AS MERE "BANDITS" WITH LIMITED CAPACITY TO PUT UP A RESISTANCE AND SUGGESTED THAT SECURING THE CAMPS WOULD NOT REQUIRE AN OVERLY LARGE FORCE. KAGAME SAID HE COULD DO IT HIMSELF, BUT HIS FORCES CANNOT CROSS INTO ZAIRE. A/S SHATTUCK SAID WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MILITIAS WERE QUITE NUMEROUS. KAGAME REPLIED THAT THEIR NUMBERS MAY BE LARGE BUT THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IS LIMITED. A/S OAKLEY ASKED WHETHER THE IDEA OF MOVING THE EX-FAR INTO ZAIRE'S INTERIOR WAS WORTH PURSUING; KAGAME REPLIED THAT THOSE WHO REFUSE TO RETURN TO THE RWANDA SHOULD BE MOVED TO WHERE

THEY CANNOT PRESENT A DANGER TO RWANDA OR THE SUBREGION.  
U/S WIRTH SAID HE WOULD SHARE KAGAME'S VIEWS ON CAMP  
SECURITY WITH THE "FRIENDS OF RWANDA" GROUP.

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AID AND SECURITY INSIDE RWANDA  
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7. U/S WIRTH ASKED WHETHER SHIFTING MORE AID INTO RWANDA  
WOULD HELP PROMOTE REPATRIATION. KAGAME REPLIED THAT AID  
INSIDE RWANDA IS NEEDED IN ANY CASE. U/S WIRTH ASSURED  
HIM THAT WE FULLY SUPPORT ASSISTANCE TO THE GOR, THROUGH  
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EFFORTS SUCH AS HELPING PAY OFF RWANDA'S ARREARS,  
PROVIDING AID TO KEY MINISTRIES, AND ESTABLISHING A  
"FRIENDS" GROUP. WE ARE WORKING WITH USAID TO EXPEDITE  
OUR AID EFFORTS. IN TURN, U/S WIRTH SAID WE WERE PLEASED  
THAT THE GOR WAS COMMITTED TO APPOINTING A POINT PERSON ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND GIVING FREE ACCESS TO UNAMIR. U/S WIRTH  
ASKED WHETHER REFUGEES WOULD BE ASSURED OF ADEQUATE  
SECURITY INSIDE RWANDA IF THEY RETURNED. KAGAME SAID  
SECURITY WOULD BE ASSURED AND THAT UNAMIR AND THE HUMAN  
RIGHTS MONITORS WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY. HE  
AGREED WITH U/S WIRTH THAT UNAMIR BROADCASTS WOULD BE  
HELPFUL, AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD UNAMIR RADIO WAS CARRYING  
OUT TESTING NOW.

8. U/S WIRTH RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED  
CAMPS. KAGAME SAID THE CREATION OF THE FRENCH SAFE ZONE  
CREATED A SANCTUARY FOR CRIMINALS IN SOUTHWEST RWANDA,  
WITH PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS. HE  
SAID THE GOR IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH UNAMIR TO "PEACEFULLY  
DISMANTLE" THE CAMPS AND ALLOW THE DISPLACED TO RETURN  
HOME. KAGAME DENIED THAT THE GOR HAD SET JANUARY 1, 1995,  
OR ANY OTHER DATE AS A DEADLINE FOR CLOSING THE CAMPS. HE

SAID THE CLOSINGS ARE A MATTER OF PROCESS, NOT DEADLINES.  
U/S WIRTH EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN  
INNOCENT DISPLACED PERSONS AND CRIMINALS SEEKING  
SANCTUARY. KAGAME SAID THE FOCUS MUST BE ON CREATING A  
MECHANISM THAT WILL ALLOW THE CRIMINALS TO BE "FILTERED

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OUT" AND ADDED THAT THE CRIMINALS ARE ALREADY WIDELY  
KNOWN. HE ASSURED U/S WIRTH THAT THE GOR AND UNAMIR ARE  
WORKING TOGETHER ON THE PLANNING.

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KAGAME HINTS AT LIFTING ARMS EMBARGO  
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9. KAGAME RAISED HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE UN ARMS EMBARGO  
AND THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING THE EMBARGO, WHICH  
PROHIBITS ARMS-RELATED TRANSACTIONS WITH RWANDA. HE SAID  
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE  
IS A GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA WHICH MEANS WELL AND COULD  
BENEFIT FROM (UNSPECIFIED) ASSISTANCE. HE COMPLAINED THAT  
THE RESTRICTIONS WERE TOO BROAD AND CLAIMED THAT NON-ARMS  
MATERIALS WERE COVERED. U/S WIRTH WAS NON-COMMITTAL,  
SAYING ONLY THAT HE HEARD KAGAME'S POINT AND WAS AWARE OF  
THE ISSUE.

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